

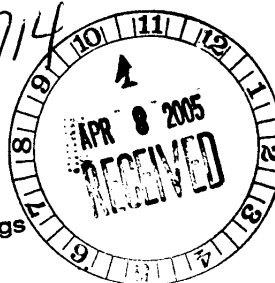


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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
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**RE: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub. No. 172X), Union Pacific Railroad Company  
- Abandonment - In Marshall County, Kansas (Vliets Industrial Lead  
from Milepost 409.10 near Frankfort to Milepost 403.80 near Vliets, a  
distance of 5.30 miles**

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to advise that as of April 7, 2005, the Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP"), with regard to the subject Petition for Exemption has consummated the abandonment for the Vliets Industrial Lead between Milepost 409.10 and Milepost 403.80, pursuant to authority granted in the Surface Transportation Board's ("Board") Decision of August 5, 2004 and served August 9, 2004.

The Board's Decision in the above referenced matter imposed two conditions with regard to the salvage of the Line after consummation of the abandonment. The two conditions: (1) Contact the Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources at Kansas Department of Agriculture ("KDA") prior to commencement of any salvage operations, and (2) contact U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") prior to commencement of any salvage activities. UP has completed the contact conditions for both the KDA and USFWS to address any concerns they may have with regard to the salvage process prior to commencement of salvage operations.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's further use and distribution.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

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